(*iv*) the number of boys in each class undergoing instruction;

(*v*) the prospects of these boys in future for taking up this study?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) (*i*) Three.

(*ii*) School Final and training in Agriculture at the Central Farm.

(*iii*) All are in the grade Rs. 20—1—35.

(*iv*)

Name of School.	*Strength.* Senior class.	Junior class.
Horticultural School Central Farm	18	18
Do. Trichur	17	19
Do. Hill Palace	17	20

(*v*) With a preliminary knowledge in scientific Agriculture, the boys will be able to do some improvements in their own lands and take up private farming. A very limited number is now and then engaged as casual labourers in the public gardens and also given opportunities to act as gardeners when the permanent gardeners go on leave. They can also expect employment under big land-owners and agriculturists. They can cultivate vegetables for the market and raise ornamental plants for sale.

KACHITHODE AND PANANCHAKOTHI CHIRAS—OLLUKKARA PANCHAYAT—MAINTENANCE OF.

305. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) with whom was the work of maintenance of the Kachithode chira entrusted by the Ollukkara Panchayat in 1113;

(*b*) when was the auction conducted and by whom;

(*c*) the amount spent by the Ollukkara Panchayat towards the maintenance of the Pananchakothi chira;

(*d*) with whom was the work entrusted in 1113?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*):

(*a*) and (*b*) The right of maintenance of this chira for 1114 was auctioned by the President, Ollukkara Panchayat at 11 A. M. on 15th Edavam 1113. Mr. Madambikattil Mamunny Sankaran bid it for Rs. 34—12—0 *i. e.* only 4 as. less than the sanctioned allotment for the work. He was the maintenance

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contractor for 1113 also. But there were complaints against his maintenance work. Therefore in the interest of the Government and of the cultivators the work was entrusted to Mr. Thottan Rappai Anthappan who was a prominent land-owner benefited by the chira for Rs. 24.

(*c*) Rs. 57—8—0 in 1113.

(*d*) The work was entrusted to the Manager, Central Farm.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): May I know from whom was the complaint received about the maintenance of the former chira last year?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): From some of the land-owners there.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): May I know whether the department has consulted the Panchayats before giving the maintenance contract to another person?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): This gentleman's son is a member of the Panchayat. The Panchayat issued the notification and deliberately wanted to give this work to this man who has been the contractor till then for a number of years. There were complaints against him regarding this maintenance work. Further out of the estimated amount of Rs. 35, the tender deduction is only 4 as. Therefore, the Department thought that there was something fishy in that matter and in the meantime Mr. Rappai came forward and offered to take it up for Rs. 24.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Was not the auction notified?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): It was notified. In rural parts, the notifications are generally sent round and signatures obtained.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Is there not a rule giving the power to give these contracts to the respective Panchayats?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): Yes. But when the department thinks that the Panchayat has been deliberately trying to do something illegal and improper against the public interest, it usually interferes.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): What was the reason for the change in 1113? The work was entrusted to the Manager, Central Farm, in 1113.

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Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): There is no record available for that.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Was there any notification with regard to the Pananchakothi Chira which was entrusted to the Manager, Central Farm?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): It is still managed by him.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Was it after auctioning?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): Yes. It is given in auction. The tender deduction, if any, is given to the Panchayat. But the responsibility is that of the Agricultural Department, because it is very near to the Central Farm, and so the Department thought that it would be better to place it under the management of the Manager.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Has the Government taken any action on the Panchayat?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): Of course, action was recommended to be taken, but, occasion arises when the Government overlook such things. Unless the Government is compelled to take action, generally they don't interfere in the interest of harmonious working.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal (*Vadakkancheri*): Does the Government think that in the interest of the public it is better to hand it over to the Agricultural Department?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): No. There was no complaint at all except from the Panchayat. The people who are concerned and who are interested in the maintenance of this chira have never complained for the last 13 or 14 years.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. ആർ. ഇയ്യുണ്ണി: മാടമ്പിക്കാട്ടിൽ മാമുണ്ണി ശങ്കരൻ എന്നാൾക്ക് എന്താണ് ജോലി?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): He is an engine driver in one of the rubber estates.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. ആർ. ഇയ്യുണ്ണി: ഈ ശങ്കരൻ" അതിന്റെ അടുത്തു വല്ല നിലമൊ മറ്റൊ ഉണ്ടോ?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): I think he is the holder of some verumpattom land. This Thottan Rappayi is a very prominent person.

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Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Is it because he is a prominent man that the contract was given to him?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): It is because he is a respectable man and a prominent jenmi who is going to be benefitted by this chira that the Government thought that he will look after this chira better than anybody else.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Is not the other man an equally respectable person?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): I didn't say anything about his respectability.

GOVERNMENT LOAN TO KATHIALAM CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.

306. മിസ്റ്റർ സി. കെ. എസ്. മണി: താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക് ഗവണ്മെൻറ് ദയവായി ഉത്തരം പറയുമോ:—

(*a*) കാതിയാളം മത്സ്യവ്യവസായ പരസ്പര സഹായസംഘത്തിന്ന ഗവണ്മെൻറിൽനിന്നും കടംവായ്പ സംഖ്യ അനുവദിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ;

(*b*) സംഖ്യ അനുവദിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ ഇതേവരെ കൊടുക്കാതിരിക്കുവാനുള്ള കാരണമെന്ത്?

ഡാക്ടർ എ. ആർ. മേനോൻ:

(*a*) ഉവ്വ്.

(*b*) ടി സംഖ്യക്ക് സംഘത്തിൽനിന്നും വാങ്ങേണ്ട ഇടിനെപ്പറ്റി ആലോചനയിലിരിക്കുന്നു. അതു തീർച്ചയായാൽ കടം കൊടുക്കുന്നതാണ്.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. കെ. എസ്. മണി: ഈ സംഖ്യ അനുവദിച്ചിട്ട് എത്രകാലമായി എന്നു പറയാമോ?

ഡാക്ടർ എ. ആർ. മേനോൻ: അതു കൊടുക്കുന്നതിന്ന കുറച്ചു വൈകി. ന്യായമായ ഇടിന്മേൽ ഉടൻ കൊടുക്കുവാൻ കല്പനകൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ട്.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്. പണിക്കർ: ഈ സംഖ്യ ഏതു ഫൈസ്സിൽനിന്നാണ് ഗവണ്മെണ്ടു കൊടുക്കുന്നതു് എന്നു പറയുവാൻ ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ?

ഡാക്ടർ എ. ആർ. മേനോൻ: ഇതിൽ രണ്ടു ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെൻറ വരുന്നുണ്ട്. അതിൽ ഒന്നു റവന്യൂ ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെൻറ്. റവന്യൂ ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെണ്ടിന്റെ കീഴിലാണ് ഫിഷറി വകുപ്പ്. അതുകൊണ്ടാണ് ഇതു കൊടുക്കുന്നതിന്ന കുറച്ചു വൈകിയിരിക്കുന്നതു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്. പണിക്കർ: ഈ സംഘത്തിന്ന സെൻട്രൽ ബാങ്കിൽനിന്നാണ് കടം കൊടുക്കേണ്ടതു്. ഇതു ഗവണ്മെണ്ടിൽനിന്നു കൊടുപ്പാൻ കാരണമെന്താണ്?

ഡാക്ടർ എ. ആർ. മേനോൻ: എല്ലാ ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെണ്ടിലും ഈ വകക്ക് ഗവണ്മെണ്ടിൽനിന്നു കുറച്ചു സംഖ്യ വെച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്. പണിക്കർ: അതു് അധഃകൃതരുടെ സംഘത്തിന്നു മാത്രമല്ലെ വച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതു്?

ഡാക്ടർ എ. ആർ. മേനോൻ: അല്ല; എല്ലാറ്റിനുമുണ്ട്.

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